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Raised Bill No. 108

LCO No. 991



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION AND USE OF CERTAIN LOW-SPEED NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (103) as follows
3 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 (NEW) (103) "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a four-wheel,
5 self-propelled, electrically powered motor vehicle designed for
6 conveyance of passengers, that has an attainable speed of not less than
7 twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour
8 on a paved, level surface and that conforms with standards adopted
9 for low-speed vehicles by the National Highway Traffic Safety
10 Administration, in accordance with 49 CFR 571.500, as amended from
11 time to time.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of
13 Motor Vehicles may, on application in accordance with the provisions
14 of section 14-12 of the general statutes and subject to the financial

15 responsibility provisions of section 14-112 of the general statutes, issue
16 a certificate of registration and marker plates to the owner or lessee of
17 a neighborhood electric vehicle. The applicant shall pay the fee
18 required under subsection (f) of section 14-49 of the general statutes.
19 Such owner or lessee shall carry such registration and proof of
20 financial responsibility in the vehicle and display marker plates as
21 required by section 14-18 of the general statutes. The commissioner
22 shall issue a certificate of title, pursuant to the provisions of chapter
23 247 of the general statutes, for each vehicle that has been issued a
24 manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin and vehicle
25 identification number.

26 (b) No individual may operate a neighborhood electric vehicle
27 unless (1) the individual carries a valid motor vehicle operator's license
28 or learner's permit, (2) a certificate of registration and automobile
29 insurance identification card for the vehicle are carried in the motor
30 vehicle and marker plates are displayed in accordance with the
31 provisions of section 14-18 of the general statutes, and (3) such vehicle
32 is equipped in accordance with the requirements of sections 14-80 to
33 14-106c, inclusive, of the general statutes, except insofar as any
34 requirement of said sections is inapplicable to or inconsistent with the
35 design and equipment standards for low-speed vehicles, as adopted by
36 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance
37 with 49 CFR 571.500, as amended from time to time.

38 (c) A neighborhood electric vehicle may be operated on a highway
39 only if such highway has an established speed limit of no more than
40 thirty-five miles per hour. This section shall not prohibit an individual
41 from operating a neighborhood electric vehicle across an intersection
42 with a highway that has an established speed limit of more than thirty-
43 five miles per hour.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	14-1(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for registration and equipment standards for neighborhood electric vehicles and to permit their operation on highways with posted speed limits of thirty-five miles per hour or less.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]